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CALTRANS AWARDS \$203 MILLION IN GRANTS TO IMPROVE PUBLIC TRANSIT AND AIR QUALITY

REDDING – Caltrans has awarded nearly \$203 million in grants to improve public transit across California. More than 80 projects will upgrade transit service, purchase eco-friendly buses, modernize transit stations and create jobs throughout the state. The grants are funded through Proposition 1B, the 2006 voter-approved transportation bond, which is providing \$3.6 billion over a ten-year period to improve public transit in California.

“These projects are a direct investment in our state's public transit system and will help energize California’s economy,” said Acting Caltrans Director Malcolm Dougherty. “Not only will these projects help create jobs, they will also reduce traffic congestion, clean the air, and provide Californians an alternative to rising gas prices.”

Some of the notable projects awarded Proposition 1B funding include:

Modoc County:

Modoc Transportation Agency was awarded \$243,373.00 toward the rehabilitation of buildings that will produce a modern transportation center. The buildings will be used for the Modoc Transit and Transportation Commission Administrative offices. The garage on the back of the property will be used for bus storage.

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Tehama County:

Tehama County Transportation Commission was awarded \$1.5 million and will allow the purchase and modernization of the transit facility which the county currently rents. The Tehama Transit Center will continue to be used for bus maintenance and bus washing.

To date, Proposition 1B has funded \$1.34 billion in transit projects.

For a comprehensive list of all projects that received transit grants in this funding cycle, please visit: <http://www.dot.ca.gov/docs/Prop1BTransitProjectsFebruary2012.pdf>

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